

settlers on odd numbered sections within the limits of the St. Paul & Pacific Railroad, Brainerd and St. Vincent extensions or branches, has been held to be inoperative by the Secretary of the Interior;

AND WHEREAS, A large number of worthy and needy settlers are thus rendered virtually homeless, who are citizens of Minnesota;

AND WHEREAS, The Senate of the United States, on the thirtieth (30th) day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six (1876), passed Senate File No. 547, a bill for the relief of all settlers along said extensions, which is now pending before the House of Representatives; therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota:

That the passage of said Senate File No. 547, for the protection of actual settlers opposite the said branch lines of road, is hereby urgently requested.

Resolved further, That the Secretary of State shall immediately forward copies of these resolutions to Senators and Representatives in Congress, and one copy to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Approved January 19, 1877.

NUMBER 20.

A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM MINNESOTA, IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, TO SECURE, IF POSSIBLE, SUCH LEGISLATION AS WILL APPROPRIATE THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALES OF [THE] PUBLIC LANDS IN THE SEVERAL STATES AFFLICTED WITH GRASSHOPPERS, TO THOSE STATES, TO BE USED IN THE PAYMENT OF BOUNTIES FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF SUCH GRASSHOPPERS.

WHEREAS, it appears that a region of country extending from the northern boundary line of the United States to the State of Texas, including the States of Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas, Arkansas, Nevada, Colorado, and Texas; and the Territories of Dakota, Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, &c., have been for some time past more or less infested with grasshoppers, and that the soil of that immense region is now largely stocked with the eggs of this pernicious insect, which the warmth of the coming spring will hatch out in innumerable swarms to desolate the land;

AND WHEREAS, this great pest seems to be insensible to all climatic influences, and to thrive as well on the plains of Manitoba as on the

shores of the Gulf of Mexico; and inasmuch as their swarms seem to be increasing rapidly in size from year to year, so that it appears reasonable to believe that, if not arrested by organized effort on the part of the people inhabiting the afflicted regions, they will gradually extend over the entire country.

AND WHEREAS, it is clearly the duty of the general government to assist in all efforts to prevent the destruction of those great crops of grain upon which largely rest the prosperity of the West and the revenues of the nation; and to imitate the example set by various nations of the world, including Russia, Greece, Turkey, France, Italy, Hungary, Spain, and China; all of which governments pay rewards for the destruction of the grasshoppers or their eggs; therefore,

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

First. That our Senators and Representatives in Congress are requested to use their efforts to secure such legislation as will devote the proceeds of the sales of public lands in the several States and Territories now or hereafter afflicted by the grasshoppers to those States; and that said funds be used by said States and Territories in the payment of bounties for the destruction of grasshoppers or their eggs.

Second. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to furnish copies of these resolutions to the members and Senators in Congress from the State of Minnesota, and also to the Senators and Representatives and Delegates from the several States and Territories hereinbefore enumerated.

Approved January 17, 1877.

NUMBER 21.

A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING OUR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS TO USE THEIR EFFORTS TO SECURE A BOUNTY FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF GRASSHOPPERS AND THEIR EGGS.

WHEREAS, The people of the western and southwestern parts of this State are greatly afflicted by grasshoppers, called Rocky Mountain locusts, having by their ravages lost their crops, valued at millions of dollars; and,

WHEREAS, The Rocky Mountain locusts have become a national calamity that may in time extend to all parts of the Union; therefore,